

## Amendments to the Specification

At the indicated page and line numbers, please replace the existing paragraphs with the ones set forth below.

(Page 20, line 9 through page 21, line 4)

Antioxidants and/or chelating agents may also be used to increase shelf life and stability of the compositions. Antioxidants may be added both for formulation stabilization and for biological efficacy. Antioxidant compounds and their derivatives include, but are not limited to, water-soluble antioxidants such as sulfhydryl compounds and their derivatives (e.g., sodium metabisulfite and N-acetyl-cysteine), lipoic acid and dihydrolipoic acid, resveratrol, acetyl-cysteine (~~Iniferine~~® INIFERINE®) or lactoferrin, and ascorbic acid and ascorbic acid derivatives (e.g., ascorbyl palmitate and ascorbyl polypeptide). Oil-soluble antioxidants suitable for use in the compositions of this invention include, but are not limited to, butylated hydroxytoluene, retinoids (e.g., retinol and retinyl palmitate), tocopherols (e.g., tocopherol acetate), tocotrienols, and ubiquinone. Natural extracts containing antioxidants suitable for use in the compositions of this invention, include, but not limited to, extracts containing flavonoids and isoflavonoids and their derivatives (e.g., genistein and diadzein), extracts containing resveratrol and the like. Examples of such natural extracts include grape seed, green tea, pine bark, propolis, and legume extracts. Other examples of antioxidants may be found on pages 1612-13 of the Cosmetic Handbook. The compositions of the present invention may comprises the antioxidant in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 20%, by weight (e.g., from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight) of the composition.

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Chelating agents are also useful in assisting the stabilization of the compositions of this invention. Examples

of chelating agents include EDTA and derivatives thereof (e.g., disodium EDTA and dipotassium EDTA), ~~Iniferine®~~ acetyl-cysteine (INIFERINE®), lactoferrin, and citric acid. Other examples of chelating agents are listed on page 1626 of the Cosmetic Handbook. The compositions of the present invention may comprise the chelating agent in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 20%, by weight (e.g., from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight) of the composition.